Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-25 in response to a requirement for restriction. This action is without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Please amend claims 3, 6, and 11, and add new claims 26-36, as indicated below. This listing of claims is intended to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (original) A method for the manufacture of an innerspring assembly, which method comprises the steps of:

a) positioning a first string of pocketed coil springs in juxtaposition with a plurality of adhesive applicators disposed in mutually fixed relation on an axis parallel to a longitudinal axis of said first string,

b) applying adhesive from said adhesive applicators to said first string of pocketed coil springs, and

c) bringing said first string into adhesive contact with a second string of pocketed coil springs.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein adhesive is applied from said plurality of adhesive applicators simultaneously or substantially simultaneously.

3. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first string of pocketed coil springs is positioned ~~by being fed longitudinally and then displaced transversely~~ into juxtaposition with the adhesive applicators , by being fed longitudinally along, and then displaced transversely from, an axis parallel to said longitudinal axis of the first string.

4. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein following application of the adhesive to the first string, the first string is tipped into an upright position such that the surface of the first string to which adhesive has been applied is brought into contact with the surface of the second string.

5. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second string has immediately beforehand been processed in the same manner as the first string.

6. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ movements of the first string are brought about by suitable mechanical means, using electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic power.

7. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive which is applied to the first string is a hot melt adhesive.

8. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators with those applicators in fixed, stationary positions relative to the first string.

9. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators whilst movement of the applicators relative to the first string is taking place.

10. (original) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first string is stationary and the applicators are moved.

11. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim [9] 1, wherein ~~the applicators are fixed and the first string is displaced~~ adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators whilst movement of the first string relative to the applicators is taking place.

Claims 12 through 25 (cancelled)

26. (new) A method for the manufacture of an innerspring assembly, which method comprises the steps of:

a) positioning a first string of pocketed coil springs in juxtaposition with a plurality of adhesive applicators disposed in mutually fixed relation on an axis parallel to a longitudinal axis of said first string;

b) applying adhesive from said adhesive applicators to said first string of pocketed coil springs, wherein the amount and/or distribution of adhesive applied to each individual pocket may be varied; and

c) bringing said first string into adhesive contact with a second string of pocketed coil springs.

27. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein adhesive is applied from said plurality of adhesive applicators simultaneously or substantially simultaneously.

28. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the first string of pocketed coil springs is positioned into juxtaposition with the adhesive applicators, by being transported longitudinally along, and then displaced transversely from, an axis parallel to said longitudinal axis of the first string.

29. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein following application of the adhesive to the first string, the first string is tipped into an upright position such that the surface of the first string to which adhesive has been applied is brought into contact with the surface of the second string.

30. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the second string has immediately beforehand been processed in the same manner as the first string.

31. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein movements of the first string are brought about by suitable mechanical means, using electric, hydraulic or pneumatic power.

32. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the adhesive which is applied to the first string is a hot melt adhesive.

33. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators with those applicators in fixed, stationary positions relative to the first string.

34. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators whilst movement of the applicators relative to the first string is taking place.

35. (new) A method as claimed in claim 34, wherein the first string is stationary and the applicators are moved.

36. (new) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein adhesive is dispensed from the adhesive applicators whilst movement of the first string relative to the applicators is taking place.